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SUBJECT: STATE 12 MAY PRESS BRIEFING

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT DAILY
PRESS BRIEFING OF 12 MAY FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Q: THE FACT THAT MR. YOUNG'S VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA IS ON
MAY 21 WHICH SEEMS TO BE ONE DAY LATER THAN HAD BEEN SET
BEFORE -- WAS THAT TIMED SO THAT IT WOULDN'T COINCIDE WITH
THE MONDALE-VORSTER MEETING IN VIENNA?

A: THE TRIP OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO AFRICA CENTERS AROUND
HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE NOW
GOING ON IN ABIDJAN AND THE CONFERENCE ON ZIMBABWE AND
NAMIBIA, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN MAPUTO FROM THE 16TH TO
THE 21ST OF MAY. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT AMBASSADOR
YOUNG WILL REMAIN FOR THE FINAL SESSIONS OF THE MAPUTO
CONFERENCE, RATHER THAN LEAVING EARLIER. THE CONFERENCE
RUNS THROUGH MAY 21ST. SO THAT IS A PRIME REASON, CERTAINLY.

NOW ON BACKGROUND: OBVIOUSLY, THE MEETING AT ABOUT
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THE SAME TIME IN VIENNA BETWEEN THE VICE PRESIDENT AND
MR. VORSTER BEARS UPON THAT, BUT I WOULD CITE THE REASON
I HAVE GIVEN YOU AS REASON ENOUGH NOT TO GO BEFORE THE

21ST. END BACKGROUND.

Q: WHEN YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT A CONFERENCE ON ZIMBABWE,

ARE YOU SIMPLY QUOTING THE U.N. LANGUAGE DESCRIBING THAT CONFERENCE? OR IS THIS THE STATE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTING THAT TERMINOLOGY AS A NEW NAME FOR RHODESIA?

A: THAT IS THE OFFICIAL TITLE. I HAVE GOT IT IN CAPS HERE -- THE U.N. CONFERENCE THERE. WE HAVE USED THE TERM "ZIMBABWE" HERE BEFORE, THE DEPARTMENT HAS. SO I DON'T THINK ANY PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE SHOULD BE READ INTO THAT.

THERE ARE THIRTY-SOME NATIONS, AS I UNDERSTAND IT -- AT LEAST THAT NUMBER -- PARTICIPATING IN THIS MAPUTO CONFERENCE.

Q: HE IS STILL TALKING TO THE SAME GROUP OR GROUPS OF BUSINESSMEN, AND THE UNIVERSITY AT WITWATERSRAND?

A: I DON'T HAVE ANY PRECISION BEYOND WHAT I HAVE GIVEN YOU SO FAR ON WHAT HE WILL BE DOING IN SOUTH AFRICA. THIS IS STILL, WHAT, ALMOST TEN DAYS OFF, AND I THINK THERE WILL BE MORE INFORMATION FORTHCOMING PERHAPS FROM AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PARTY.

Q: HOW LONG HE WILL STAY THERE?

A: I AM SURE WE WILL HAVE THAT FOR YOU IN DUE COURSE, BUT NOT TODAY. IT IS STILL A WAYS OFF. LIKEWISE WITH REGARD TO THE REST OF HIS SCHEDULE. FOLLOWING SOUTH AFRICA, THERE ARE, AS I INDICATED YESTERDAY IN OUR ANNOUN-

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CEMENT, A NUMBER OF POSSIBILITIES AFTER THAT.

Q: IS ANGOLA A POSSIBILITY?

A: WE HAVE NO PLANS FOR SUCH A VISIT AT THIS TIME.

Q: IS IT A POSSIBILITY?

A: THAT STANDS, AS OF NOW.
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